



Shimer Hosts Alumni, Parents

Four Alumni Receive Awards

Shimer's combined Alumni Homecoming-Parents' Weekend drew more than 50 alumni and 100 parents to the campus October 11-12.

The most important event for the alumni was the Saturday evening Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet. Speakers at the dinner were Robert W. Weissmiller, Trustee; Samuel James Campbell, Honorary Trustee; Frederic K. Shattuc, Director of Admissions; and President Milburn P. Akers. Award winners, honored for distinction in four areas, have their names engraved on a trophy, and were presented medals by President Akers.

George E. Beauchamp, Jr. of Greenbelt, Maryland, received the award for Distinction in the Social Sciences. A member of the class of '52, the first class in Shimer's history to receive the Bachelor degree, George is now an Operations Officer in the Office of the Disaster Relief Coordinator, Agency for International Development (AID) in Washington, D. C. This part of foreign aid provides shelter, food and medicine for disaster victims throughout the world. From 1965-67 he was Assistant Regional Refugee Officer, II Corps, in Viet Nam and for two years before that he served in Nigeria as an Administrative Officer with U. S. AID. George regretted that he could not be present for the award, but sent his greetings to everyone and his

Shimer Draws Students From 28 States

Shimer has enrolled students this year from 28 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Japan, and Hong Kong, which have each contributed one student. Sixty-four per cent are men. Nearly half are from Illinois, with large numbers coming also from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Average SAT scores for the entering class this fall were 591 Math, 603 Verbal.



VIRGINIA CROGHAN AND
COLLAN KNEALE

appreciation for the honor that has been accorded him.

Alice Bro Racher, M.D. of Park Forest Illinois, was honored for Distinction in the Natural Sciences. She, also, was sorry to be unable to attend the banquet. Alice is a doctor who divides her working schedule between the University of Illinois Hospitals, the Cook County Public Health Department and the Head Start and Day Care programs in East Chicago Heights. Alice is the daughter of former Shimer president, the late Albin C. Bro, and Marguerite Harmon Bro of Park Forest. Last year Alice was chosen Citizen of Achievement in Park Forest on the basis of her dedicated service to her community. She and her husband, also a doctor, have three children.

Collan B. Kneale of Rochester, Minnesota was awarded the medal for Distinction in the Humanities. An artist and sculptor, and former art teacher, Collan is an industrial designer with the I.B.M. Corporation in Rochester.

Collan earned his AB degree from Shimer in 1953 and received both the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Illinois. He has received numerous prizes and awards for his sculpture and paintings. His design for an insignia to identify the American Rehabilitation Foundation (formerly known as the Sister Kenny Foundation) was pronounced winner in Nationwide competition in 1965. Collan is the son of the late Blendon Kneale, Shimer art director for 28 years, and

Mrs. Armella Kneale of Mt. Carroll. His brother, Bernard, is also a Shimer graduate, class of '61. Collan is married to Shimer alum, Jan Lippincott, AB '54, and they have three children.

Virginia Croghan was honored for Service to the College. A former president of the Shimer College National Alumni Association, she served for four years as head of the organization (1958-62), worked on committees and projects, and in numerous ways proved herself to be an active friend and supporter of the college. Virginia graduated from Frances Shimer Junior College in 1936, received a B.A. degree from DeKalb (now Northern Illinois University) and a master's degree from the University of Chicago. She teaches in Junior High school at Crystal Lake and spends weekends with her parents at her home in Savanna. Virginia's work in the National Alumni Association served as an example of her loyalty and enthusiastic interest in the College to all Shimer alumni, and especially those who worked with her.

Earlier in the day, a meeting of all those interested in forming a National Alumni Association to help with student recruitment was held. Alex Sharpe agreed to serve as chairman to organize a group of alumni who will meet in Chicago within the next month to discuss further plans for the association.

Students Volunteer for Tutoring Program

Twenty Shimer students have volunteered this fall to take part in a tutoring program for the Mount Carroll elementary school children. Sponsored by the community's churches, the program is an effort to help third, fourth, and fifth grade children who are having difficulty with school work, but, especially, need individual attention. The experience should be valuable for both children and tutors, some of whom are interested in teaching careers, and should work for good relations between Shimer and the rest of the community.

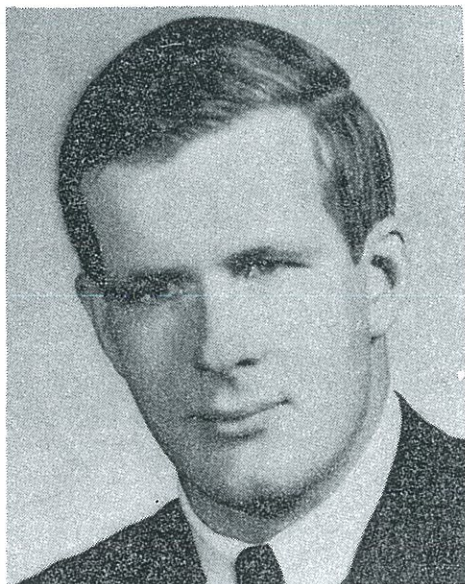
Chicago Urban Seminar New Student Recruitment Program

Planned for January

A group of Shimer students will again this year be participating in an Urban Seminar to be held at the University of Chicago beginning January 15. For the final two and one half weeks of the six week break, these students will live in Chicago, where they will actively investigate the problems of city housing, education, politics, law enforcement, and community action. They will take part in discussions of these issues, hear prominent speakers, and be confronted with widely varying viewpoints on various controversies. Especially important will be field trips which will offer more direct contact with urban problems and a chance to talk to people working with them. A number of students attending the Seminar will write term papers and receive full course credit.

Soccer

The Shimer Pioneers have played six soccer games to date. They have had one victory, 4-2, against Kenosha. Other scores have been Judson, 7-2; Rockford, 4-2; Kenosha, 4-2; Platteville, 6-0; and Western Illinois, 3-1. High scorer for the season has been Cliff Whitehead, who has made 8 goals. There are still three games remaining in the season. Shimer will play the University of Chicago, Platteville, and Morrison.



BARRY J. CARROLL, AB '66, has been named general manager of J. C. Deagan, Inc., manufacturer of musical instruments in Chicago. The 90-year-old company, a subsidiary of American Gage & Machine Company of Elgin, is known for its development of mallet percussion musical instruments, organ percussions and tower bell carillons.

The small liberal arts college like Shimer, when it recruits new students, faces tremendous competition from large state-supported schools. But, beginning this year, with a professional staff headed by Director of Admissions, Mr. Frederic Shattuc, Shimer is greatly increasing its advertising and recruitment programs.

When the Illinois State Scholarship list was published, information about Shimer, and a return card, was sent to each of the 16,000 students on the list. The same material will be sent to 17,000 of the National Merit commended students in the Midwest and New England.

Every high school in Illinois will be visited by a Shimer counselor. Mr. Shattuc makes frequent trips to Chicago, where he speaks both with high school counselors and individual students. In the next two weeks he and Ralph Hough, Dean of Students, will visit the Atlantic coast, calling on 75 high schools which have inquired about Shimer or from which the college has received students in the past. Each will cover three or four schools a day. Their job is not an easy one, particularly in the larger schools; on any one day, there may be counselors from four to six

other colleges visiting the same school.

In order to reach students from the many smaller high schools in the country, the Admissions department will begin what is known as motel counselling in January. Visits to motels in large cities will be scheduled for certain nights, and every person who has written requesting information and lives within 50 miles of the city will be invited to the hotel to talk with Shimer counselors.

Shimer has been receiving numerous requests for transfer information, mostly from students who are dissatisfied with large universities. Besides transfer students, there will be five to ten early entrants coming to the college at mid-term for the second semester. Mr. Shattuc predicts that the entering class next fall will number between 175 and 200.

Mr. Shattuc, who has a son and daughter of college and high school age, has had 12 years of experience as a counselor at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. Concerned always with looking for the best students available for the college, he has instructed his staff to find for Shimer "the bright, individualistic, and socially concerned student."

Class Notes

DANIEL NATALE, AB '63, and his wife (JUDITH REBER, '63) moved in August from Davenport, Iowa to Ballwin, Missouri a suburb of St. Louis. Dan is counselling at West High School in the Parkway School District and Judy is in the second phase of a government internship in computer programming and systems with the Department of the Army. Now working in St. Louis, Judy was transferred from the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois. In June, 1968 she received her BA degree in philosophy and Dan, his MA in education from the University of Iowa. Dan is currently working on a book in the area of sex education with JOHN and JOY IBSEN MARTIN, AB '61 and AB '62, of Davenport.

Sp5 WILLIAM SPARBOE, '66, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service at the 175th Radio Research Company, Bien Hoa, Republic of Viet Nam for the period June, 1968 to June, 1969. Specialist Sparboe and his wife are currently living in Arlington, Virginia where he is assigned to the Headquarters of the Army Security Agency.

BRUCE RENE, AB '67, is a Specialist 4 in the U. S. Army and is stationed in Okinawa. He and JOEL FORD, AB '67, who is also stationed in Okinawa with the Air Force, get together frequently.

D. GRANT GILBERT, AB '67, is in his third year of medical school at Northwestern University, Evanston.

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Shimer College Alumni News



LUCILE M. GRAY

LUCILE M. GRAY, social studies chairman at Freeport Junior High School, is author of a 36-page book, "Tammy's tales," published September 18, 1969 by Vantage Press.

A delightful dog story, the book relates in the first person the high points of the first five years of Tammy's eventful life. Tammy, officially christened Sam O'Shanter, is a handsome, white West Highland terrier, acquired by Miss Gray and her mother in 1962. He is something of a celebrity in Freeport where he is mascot of the Junior High School Historians and guardian of their opathy.

Miss Gray, a 1932 graduate of Frances Shimer Junior College, has a bachelor's degree in education from Northern Illinois University and a master of arts degree in teaching from Rockford College.

In 1963 she received a Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge classroom teacher award for outstanding teaching of the American Way of Life. In 1968 she presented a scrapbook which won a Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor award for Freeport Junior High School. A director of the Illinois State Historical Society, she was appointed to the State Bicentennial Committee and is the immediate past president of the Stephenson County Historical Society. She was guest speaker November 17, 1968 at the dedication of the historic marker on the Shimer campus.

"A memorial to the late ROSEMARY RUDE WESTPHAL, '42, who died June 1967, was dedicated October 5, 1969 during ceremonies for the new Education Building and enlarged Sanctuary of Calvary United Methodist Church of Villa

Park. The memorial is in the form of a cross and supporting standard, or fleche, rising above the juncture of the two buildings.

JOAN MARSHALL KING, '47, has moved from St. Charles, Illinois to Atlanta, Georgia where her husband is with Sears as head architect for the southeastern states. Joan would like to get in touch with any Shimer alumni in the Atlanta area.

MAY LEE CHING's ('49) husband, James is a visiting professor at the University of Missouri. The Chings moved to Columbia, Missouri in July from the East where Mr. Ching was chairman of speech and theater arts at the University of Bridgeport, Conn.

JOAN SWANSON SCANNELL, '49, writes that her husband has recently been named Dean of Education at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

JILL MICKELSON FOSTER, '51, her husband and their five children made a brief stop at Shimer during the summer on their return to their home in Dallas, Texas from a vacation trip to Michigan.

The Rev. REXFORD J. STYZENS, AB '54, resigned as pastor of the Davenport, Iowa Unitarian Church in August to accept the pastorate of the First Church of Watertown, Mass. Located near Boston, the church was founded in 1630. The Rev. Styzens received his bachelor of divinity degree from The University of Chicago in 1959 and was ordained in the Sioux City, Iowa First Unitarian Church in 1961. During his five years in Davenport, the Rev. Styzens was active in civic affairs and was one of the incorporators and founding board members of the Community Action Program, the city's first poverty and OEO program. He served as first vice president of the Scott County Welfare Council and was chairman of its Youth Commission. He was a member of the Scott County Ministerial Association and headed the pastoral services committee for the Council of Churches of Scott and Rock Island counties. He, his wife (SYBIL LANE, AB '55) and children Jennifer, 5, and Joseph 2, moved to Massachusetts early in September.

JOHN WOLD, AB '57, and his wife have two daughters, Sarah, 4, and Megan, 1. The Wolds live in Evanston, just five blocks from PHILIP and NANCY MOULTON DAHLBERG, AB '56, who recently moved there from Clinton, Maryland.

BETSEY SELLNER WHITMAN, AB '58, of Tallahassee, Florida represented Shimer College as its official delegate at inauguration ceremonies Oct. 11 for Dr. Benjamin Luther Perry, Jr. as sixth president of Florida A. and M. University.

Both Betsey and her husband, H. Carl Whitman, are on the faculty of Florida A. and M., where they teach mathematics.

GAYE GILBERT, BS '63, received a master's degree in June from the University of Missouri and is working in that institution's extension division as a community development agent in nine Missouri counties. She is living in Chillicothe, Missouri at 1017 Polk Street.

JOSEPH DI COLA, AB '65, is working on his Ph.D. at Northern Illinois University. Subject of his dissertation is "Symmetry of Digits."

SUZANNE WILKINSON DAVIS, AB '66, is doing graduate work at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma towards a master's degree in sociology and anthropology.

CAROLYN O. MILLER, AB '66, was awarded the Master of Arts in Teaching degree August 24, 1969 from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Marriages

JANET JAKSTAS, AB '68, to PETER G. KULESH, '69, of Wayzata, Minn. in October, 1969 in St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Evanston. Mr. Kulesh and his bride are living in Chicago, where he works for the Art Institute.

JEAN A. JONES, '63, to John N. Crawford, Jr., June 28, 1969 in Chicago. GAYE GILBERT, BS '63, of Chillicothe, Mo. was a bridesmaid at the wedding. Mr. Crawford is a real estate analyst in Chicago.

Births

Daughter, Lauren Anne, to WALTER, AB '64, and MARI-JO WOLGEMUTH ZIBBLE, '62, of Downers Grove, Dec. 31, 1966. Walt is employed by Joanna Western Mills Company.

Daughter, Carolyn Jeanne, to Mr. and Mrs. TOM MYERS, AB '64, of Columbia City, Maryland, May 30, 1969.

Son, Philip Alexander, Jr., to PHILIP and CATHERINE HOEBEL BAIN, both AB '64, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1969.

Son, Whitney Arthur, to CHANNING, AB '64, and SUSAN JOHNSON SIEBEN, '64, of Geneseo, Sept. 3, 1968. Chan is a sales representative for Blackhawk Foundation in Geneseo.

Son, Keith Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL MULLIN, AB '57, of La Jolla, Calif. March 7, 1969. Keith joins a brother Stephen Joseph, 2.

Daughter, Cara Susan, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mullin of Wallingford, Conn., May 9, 1969. Grandparents are former Shimer president and Mrs. F. J. Mullin.

Ecology Class Studies Life in Natural Setting

Ecology, the study of the interrelationships of living organisms and their environments, is not a subject that can be properly studied from a book. So the Shimer ecology class, led by their teacher, Rita Atkins, makes weekly field trips to sites of biological interest in the area, to obtain first-hand knowledge of the naturally occurring units of life.

The group leaves campus early in the morning usually returning in time for supper. Each member of the class has elected a particular area of investigation for the semester. There are students specializing in butterflies, moths, and insects, fungi and lichens, trees and shrubs, grasses, ferns, and aquatic life, reptiles and amphibians. Survey reports of the trips are written weekly by each student. Each makes collections, using methods learned in class and from course readings. Plants and insects are preserved and identified. Many aquatic life forms are kept alive and observed in the lab, in an environment that duplicates as closely as possible the original living conditions.

The first site visited was Apple River Canyon State Park in northwestern Illinois, where an interesting ecotone, or change from one ecological community to another was observed. There was a forest flourishing next to a river bottom in which horsetails were growing, and in the intermediate area both the forest and horsetails were growing. It could not be determined, though, whether forest was advancing on the horsetails or if the opposite was happening.

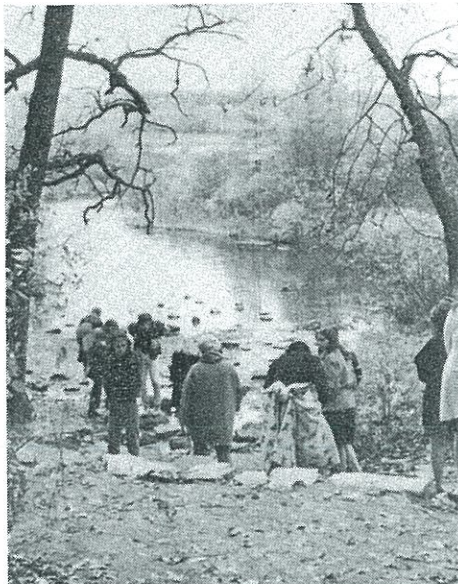
The visit to the Wisconsin Arboretum, maintained by the University of Wisconsin in Madison, was probably the most educational field trip for much of the class. The arboretum contains examples of almost every type of botanical community to be found in the United States. Artificially created for the most part, the arboretum can be used to speed up certain ecological processes and make the time span required for change more convenient for human observation.

There is a remade prairie which took 20 years to establish; many of the grasses and other plants were planted individually by hand. Some of the grasses are extremely tall, seven or eight feet high. Periodically, in the spring, parts of the prairie are burned to prevent the oak-hickory forest from moving in. Both trees and grasses are burned, but the grasses grow back much more quickly. In other places, succession is sped up by encouraging the growth of trees. The class observed climax communities (the finally surviving biological community in an

ecological cycle) of beach and maple trees, as well as the oak-hickory forest.

Every five years a census is taken of every kind of life in the arboretum. This huge task, including exploration of the reasons for changes that are occurring is assigned to one graduate student for his master's thesis.

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park in Illinois contains an artificial lake made by damming. The class collected many specimens of algae, crayfish, frogs, garter snakes, diving beetles, and other water life. There was a spring in the park



which, because it was polluted by underground oil seepage, had a very low oxygen concentration, and harbored life forms not normally expected in springs. The group discovered flatworms, roundworms, and a unique brown-orange algae living in the spring. The forest in the park was notable because of its lack of young undergrowth. Not enough light filters through the trees to support any ground plants, so the forest is literally trees and bare ground.

One field trip took the class to the upper area of the nearby Palisades State Park in Savanna. The geology of the area is fascinating. At one time all the land was on a level with the river. But the entire area has been continually rising, while the river cuts deeper into the land, and now the river and the bluffs are separated by hundreds of feet. On one of the bluffs there is still a remnant of a former prairie. Most of the rock is Niagara limestone or dolomite in various stages of being broken down by plants.

This area was missed by the glacier that moved through; it contains delicate

rock formation that could never have survived a glacier. There is a high amount of plant growth, fed by underground seepage, and a confused assortment of trees.

In the White Pines State Park there is an example of a remnant community that is slowly dying and being replaced. The pine forest remains from the time when the glaciers were farther south and the climate was too cold for deciduous forests to survive. Now the pines have competition. They die, but do not replace themselves. Deciduous trees can be seen growing where the pines fall.

The most amazing of all the sites visited was a desert within 20 miles of Mount Carroll. Though it receives 24 inches of rain annually, the soil is very sandy and does not hold water. There are sand dunes and wind blows, where, because of lack of plant growth to hold the soil, the wind has blown the sand into bowl-like formation. There were real cactus as well as conifers, many fungi and lichens, and signs of rabbits. Other animal life could not be found, because of the cold at this time of year.

There is one more trip remaining this year. The class will visit Maquoketa Caves in Iowa. Members of the class are enthusiastic about Mrs. Atkins' field trips; they feel this direct experience with living communities is an invaluable supplement to their ordinary course readings. It is real biology, and undoubtedly one of the most important phases of the course.

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